

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS
Summary of the Canadian and Red River Basins
Advisory Committee Meeting
April 10, 2018

The Canadian and Red River Basins Advisory Committee Meeting was held on April 10, 2018, in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Amarillo, Texas at 10:00 a.m. There were approximately 24 stakeholders, including staff, in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Jose Martinez, Clean Rivers Program (CRP) Project Manager with the Authority, opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Howard Barrons, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) CRP Project Manager, began the meeting with a presentation on an *Overview of the CRP*. Mr. Barrons discussed the background of the CRP and discussed the different river basins in Texas and how they coincide with the program. Additionally, Mr. Barrons presented the six objectives for the long term plan of the program and they are as follows:

- 1.) Provide quality assured data to the TCEQ for use in decision-making
- 2.) Identify and evaluate water quality issues
- 3.) Promote cooperative watershed planning
- 4.) Inform and engage stakeholders
- 5.) Maintain efficient use of public funds
- 6.) Adapt program to emerging water quality issues

Mr. Barrons then went on to discuss the successes of the program, such as the amount of data generated by the CRP used in the assessment by TCEQ. Mr. Barrons finished his presentation with an update on the 2018 Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

Additionally, Mr. Martinez continued the meeting with a presentation of the *Draft 2018 Red and Canadian River Basins Highlights Report* and *Proposed FY-2019 Coordinated Monitoring Efforts*. He presented information regarding current 303(d) impairments and 305(b) concerns as they relate to water quality throughout the Canadian River Basin, also including the western-most reaches of the Red River Basin (Reaches IV and V). Mr. Martinez also discussed current trends in water quality within several segments, focusing on both total dissolved solids and nutrient trends within segments appearing on the *Texas 2014 Integrated Report (2014 IR)*. He emphasized on unique trends within some water bodies, specifically the Canadian River above Lake Meredith, Lake Meredith, East Amarillo Creek, Wolf Creek, and Buck Creek.

Finally, Mr. Martinez concluded the meeting with a presentation over the findings of the Aquatic Life Monitoring conducted on Wichita River and Beaver Creek in partnership with the Environmental Institute of Houston (EIH). Mr. Martinez discussed the results of both monitoring events as it relates to their Aquatic Life Use designation. Mr. Martinez presented the results for Nekton, Macroinvertebrates, physical habitat, and diel dissolved oxygen for both monitoring stations.

In closing, Mr. Martinez strongly encouraged all stakeholders to review the information prepared by the Authority in the *Draft 2018 Red and Canadian River Basins Highlights Report* for additional information on pertinent water quality issues throughout both the Canadian and Red River Basins. Mr. Martinez then opened the floor for final questions and comments. Following discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. and lunch was provided.